

HB 371 -- COMPASSIONATE ASSISTANCE FOR RAPE EMERGENCIES ACT

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The bill establishes the "Compassionate Assistance for Rape Emergencies (CARE) Act" which requires that the standard of care for any health care facility that provides emergency care to a sexual assault victim will be to give a victim information regarding emergency contraception, inform the victim of the option to be provided emergency contraception, and provide a complete regimen of emergency contraception if requested. The health care provider must follow federal Department of Justice protocols on HIV/STI screening and prophylactic treatment.

The Department of Health and Senior Services must produce informational materials regarding emergency contraception for the prevention of pregnancy for distribution in any health care facility and respond to complaints and periodically perform compliance checks on emergency health care facilities. Administrative penalties specified in the bill will be enforced in the case of noncompliance.

This bill is the same as HB 1908 (2016).